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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ICS

REF: A) STATE 81254 B) BANGKOK 6869

1. IN LESS THAN ONE MONTH, THE U.S. PRESENCE AT KO KHA, CHIANG MAI AND RAMASUN IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE. AT THAT POINT, DISPOSITION OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (ICS) CONNECTING THOSE LOCATIONS WITH BANGKOK WILL BE REQUIRED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TURN ICS OVER TO THE RTG WITH A CAPACITY OF UP TO 60 CHANNELS, AS-IS WHERE-IS. IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETROGRADE PROBLEM, THE DEPARTMENT HAS STIPULATED THAT A FIRM THAI COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED BY 19 MAY 1976. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZED THE EMBASSY TO MAKE THE ICS OFFER TO THE THIA.

2. THE CONTEMPLATED DISPOSITION OF ICS WILL INVOLVE COMPLEX FUNDING ACTIONS ON THE THAI SIDE, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH THE THAI CAN BE FURTHER
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DEFERRED, AND REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO TAKE THE

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MATTER UP WITH THEM.
WHITEHOUSE

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O, MACFARLANE.

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